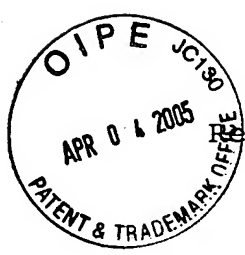


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Re: HILDEBRANDT et al. Attn: Art Unit 2856
Serial No. 10/674,168 Examiner Charles D. Garber
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Docket No. KING-59C Amendment, with
DIRECTLY REFRIGERATED BLOCK Formal Drawings

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Thank you for the 01/27/2005 Office action and the courtesy extended by the Examiner in identifying and faxing a copy of Duncan, US 4727907, on this February 17th. In reply to the action, please reconsider and further examine this application.

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS follow this page. Following the claims amendments are **Formal Drawings** (6 REPLACEMENT SHEETS).

Without new matter entry, this amendment more particularly points out and distinctly claims, and more understandingly pictorially illustrates the invention, and is fully supported by the underlying specification to include drawings. With no additional fee now due, claims 1-3 and 7-18 are present.

The 1/19/2005 provisional election of group I is confirmed, and the Examiner is thanked for rejoining claims 12 and 15 (group III) with the elected claims (group I and generic claims). Since the limitations of generic claim 4 are in claim 1, and in view of the statement of common ownership below, all generic and elected claims are allowable over the art. In turn, withdrawn claims 3, 9, 11, 14 (and present 18) should be allowed, with, by Examiner's amendment: claim 9 made dependent on claim 3, and claim 11, line 2, having "cube;" replaced with -- box; -- (as done in claim 10).

Claim 10 has "cube" replaced with "box" to obviate the 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejection. Claims 1 and 16 are amended to include the distinguishing limitations of claims 1 and 17/18, respectively, thus obviating the 35 USC 102(b) rejection over Stokes et al., and the statement of common ownership below with the applied patent to Hildebrandt et al. obviates the remaining rejections set forth under 35 USC 103(a). Please withdraw these.

STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP: Application 10/674,168 and Patent 6,786,081 were, at the time the invention of Application 10/674,168 was made, owned by King Refrigeration, Inc.

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